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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q59956

Yasuo HIMURO

Appln. No.: 09/674,039

Group Art Unit: 1733

Confirmation No.: 9058

Examiner: Steven D. Maki

Filed: October 25, 2000

For: PNEUMATIC TIRES

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interviews conducted on
March 3 and March 12, 2004:

REMARKS

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) was attached with the Notice of
Allowance dated August 24, 2004.

During the March 3, 2004 Interview, Applicants discussed possible claim amendments
with the Examiner to put this Application in condition for allowance. The language and
references discussed are correctly described in the March 3, 2004 interview Summary.

During the March 12, 2004 Interview, Applicants discussed further possible claim
amendments with the Examiner to put this Application in condition for allowance. A basis for
this discussion was provided by exemplary claim amendments included with a March 11, 2004
facsimile sent to the Examiner by Applicants' representatives. This facsimile was intended only

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for discussion with the Examiner and was not intended to create any estoppel. The language and references discussed are correctly described in the March 11, 2004 Interview Summary.

Applicants note that there are some minor differences between the language identified in attachment A to the March 11, 2004 Interview Summary and that of the April 19, 2004 Amendment.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,


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